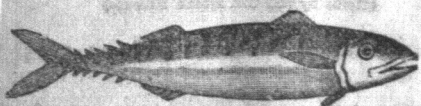


SCH. MONITOR STRUCK THEM.

At Newport Today with 250
Barrels Large Mackerel.

TOOK FARE OFF COX'S LEDGE.

Five Other Seiners Got Some Fish
at Same Time.



Some of the southern mackerel fleet have struck fish off Cox's ledge. About a week ago, a number of the fleet returning from the southward to have a look up that way before returning here to fit for the Cape Shore, found fish in small pods, 25 miles to the southeast of Block Island. The weather was very bad and fishing was impossible, although one of the vessels reported seeing big schools.

The weather continued bad for several days, but on Sunday three of the fleet made small hauls. Since then, a large number of the seiners have scoured the ground from where the fish were first seen, in to Block Island and Gay Head and last night some big schools were seen.

Of the fleet there, sch. Monitor, Capt. Joseph J. Lyle, of this port, made a big haul, and arrived at Newport this forenoon at 8.30 o'clock with his fare. Capt. Lyle hailed for 230 barrels of mackerel, all large. This is the largest trip of large mackerel of the season thus far and as prices are good, the vessel being in on a bare market, Capt. Lyle and his crew will make a fine stock.

A despatch to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent states that the Monitor got her fish six miles southeast of Cox's ledge and that five other vessels there at the time the Monitor made her haul also got some fish.

Another dispatch this forenoon states that sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, arrived at Newport this morning with 50 barrels of large fresh mackerel. The Stanley was probably one of the vessels which got fish at the time sch. Monitor got her big haul.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 45,389 barrels, catch of 1905; catch of 1900, 28,832 barrels; 1901, 35,219 barrels; 1902, 24,969 barrels; 1903, 49,070 barrels; 1904, 30,322 barrels.

The following netters arrived at New York yesterday afternoon:

Sch. Julietta, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lizzie W. Hunt, 400 large fresh mackerel.

The fares of salt mackerel of schs. Monarch, Corsair and Argo sold to Fred Bradley and those of schs. Muriel and S. F. Maker to George Perkins & Son at \$9 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Hattie M. Graham sold to Capt. Thomas Hodge at \$9 per barrel.

Halibut Takes a Drop.

The fare of sch. Theodore Roosevelt sold to the American Halibut Company at 6 cents per pound for white and 4 cents for gray. This is a drop of two cents per pound on each grade.

WILL DISCUSS FISHERIES.

St. Johns, May 16.—Governor MacGregor left here last night on a visit to Canada. While the trip is made for the benefit of his health he will take advantage of the opportunity to discuss with Governor General Grey of Canada the fishery question and other problems confronting the colony in its relations with the United States.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arthur James, south, seining.

Sch. Catherine G. Howard, south, seining.

Sch. Arcadia, south, seining.

Sch. Constellation, south, seining.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south, seining.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, south, seining.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, south, seining.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, south, seining.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, south, seining.

Sch. Kerawood, south, seining.

Sch. Pythian, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cents for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.00; medium do., \$3.00; snappers, \$1.75.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.75 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Boston.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 16,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 11,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 18,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Tartar, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5500 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Bryda F., 7000 pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 cod.

Sch. Grace Darling, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Appromattax, 20,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75; large cod, \$2.50; marketed, \$1.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

CAPT. JACOBS HOME.

Reports Very Rough Time Early
Out South.

One of Crew Hurt and Boat Near-
ly Swamped.

"I saw more mackerel out south this spring than I have seen out there for twenty years before," said Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. A. M. Nicholson this morning. Capt. Jacobs is home to fit for the Cape Shore. When asked about the prospect, he replied, "You can't tell anything about the prospect. You can't tell how it is going to turn out. Mackerel are queer things and you can't tell much about them. The more you go after them, the less you think you know about them. All you can do is keep trying."

Capt. Jacobs started out in good shape this spring, landing the first trip and following it closely with the second. After that he says he had bad luck and couldn't seem to snare them. This was not all his hard luck, for the train which was taking his second trip to New York met with an accident and the fish were delayed two days, which of course meant a loss on the price. Then again he was in company with schs. Monitor and Lizzie M. Stanley off Cox's ledge and had sailed away from them not two hours, when they got their good hauls Tuesday night.

Capt. Jacobs reports very rough weather out south on the first part of the trip. When two days out from here, in a howling northeaster, the vessel was struck by a sea which tore the seine boat from its lashings. John Davis, one of the crew, who was standing near, was forced up against the main boom by the bow of the boat and at first it was thought he was killed. He was extricated from his painful position and fortunately escaped with but bruises and a severe strain to his side, rib and leg. He has not been able to go to the masthead for the whole trip and still feels the effects of the accident.

The weather remained bad and the craft made into Fortress Monroe for harbor in the face of a gale and northeast snow storm. Coming out from there, fish were fallen in with right away, but it was bad weather and a sea seemed impossible. Capt. Jacobs made up his mind to try it, so after dark, he went in the boat himself and made for a school. There was a fierce northeast gale going, but the sight of the fish tempted all hands and they bent to their work and surrounded a small school. While pursuing, a sea hit the boat and half filled her. They bailed her out with buckets, but before they had the twine pursed, another sea partly filled her and they had to bail again. They were all in danger of being swamped, but they got the boat head to the sea and hung on to the seine and succeeded in getting 50 barrels of fish, the first haul of the season.

There was no more fishing that night, but the next day they made another set, and got a small haul and went to market with the first trip of the season.

TWENTY CENTS EACH.

Was Price of Fresh Mackerel
Newport This Morning.

The mackerel of the trips of schs. Monitor and Lizzie M. Stanley at Newport this forenoon brought 20 cents each.

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THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Game Commissioners Make Report on Cause of Decline.

Deputy Shows How Law Is Being Constantly Violated.

The state commissioners on fish and game have submitted to the legislature a special report on "the lobster fisheries and the cause of their decline." It is a document of some 45 printed pages in which the commissioners review the law of the present day and those of other states and the provinces.

Regarding the evading of the law the commission says:

The schemes for outwitting the deputies and of evading the short lobster law far excel the peculiar ways of Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee." In general, since to secure conviction it is necessary to seize the short lobsters while in possession of the offender, the illegal lobsters are kept where they can readily be thrown overboard in case a deputy appears. Our deputies have compelled the fishermen thus to throw overboard at least one million "shorts" this year.

In case a deputy does not appear the "shorts" are placed in a sunken bag or car, the location of which is marked by a buoy kept just under the water, or by an inconspicuous floating object which would attract no special attention, such as a bit of wood, kelp, etc., or the bag or car may be hung by a small line over the stern of the boat, or to a boat-mooring, or pile under a wharf. When 50 to 500 "shorts" have been accumulated, these are taken in the night by regular collectors who ply along the shore from Rockport to Plymouth. Some such have been driven so hard by our deputies as to go out of the business, but "there are others."

They have a well organized system of sentinels and spies, who keep track of and report the movements of the deputies. The fines imposed by the judges, even at the maximum, are small when compared with the profits, and usually this amount is reckoned as a contingent expense of the business and is divided among those participating in the profits. Most of these lobsters are marketed as "lobster meat."

The following report from Deputy Burney indicates how the law is evaded during the summer at many places along the shores between Boston and Gloucester:

Commissioners on Fisheries and Game. Gentlemen:—Complying with your request, I make this report of my observations upon the short lobster traffic on the shores of Massachusetts. The enforcement of the lobster law is becoming more difficult each year, on account of the methods adopted to evade it by the lobster fishermen on the north shore.

In the past it was the custom of the fishermen to land their catch; then it was a comparatively easy matter to catch the violators. At present, landing the catch is dangerous, and in some cases a very costly way to dispose of their lobsters. The fishermen have adopted ways of avoiding that. It was soon found that there was a growing demand from the beach houses and hotels along the shore for lobster meat out of the shell. Raw meat soon became too dangerous to handle, and other means had to be found. The new way is an evasion of the law, and it is relatively safe. There are two ways to work it; one is to cut up the raw meat into small cubes, when it is impossible to show to the courts that it is lobster tails; the other is scald the lobsters on board the boats, cut the meat up, and land it in pails and firkins.

There has been but one conviction in my recollection on scalded meat and that was on meat not cut up.

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One or two instances are sufficient for examples of what happens nearly every day during the summer season. On Wednesday, July 19, I was at Salem Willows. Two boats ran in on the Beverly side and anchored a short distance off shore. I could see very plainly with my glass every move of the men. They were busy for more than a half hour, shocking out and cutting up lobster meat and putting it into firkins. When they had finished, the meat was taken by one of them to the restaurants at the Willows. They were not gone over 10 minutes when another boat came from the Beverly shore and did the same thing.

Tuesday, the 25th of July, off the Magnolia shore, I saw two sloops at anchor, their crews busy "shocking" and cutting up meat. This is something that can be seen almost, if not every day. In past seasons it was common talk that a man could run down to the nearest beach any morning early and get a mess of shorts. I am asked quite often, "Where are all the shorts? I used to get a mess once in a while, but I can't get them now." I venture to say that where there were hundreds of short lobsters landed every day five years ago, there is not a dozen landed today. Of course there are some men who will take the chances, but they are few. Where a man can sell his shorts off shore to the boats engaged in buying shorts, he will not bring them ashore and take chances. A number of lobster fishermen with whom I have talked say that this is the poorest season they have ever had.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS L. BURNEY.

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Herring at North Sydney.

Spring herring were sold at North Sydney, C. B., on Saturday to the fishing vessels in port at \$1.50 and \$1.35 per barrel. The price of ice has also dropped, some of the vessels being supplied at \$1 per ton on Saturday.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vera, south, seining.
Sch. A. M. Nicholson, south, seining.
Sch. Patrician, south, seining.
Sch. Valentina, shore, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Catherine Birke, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Metamora, Cape Shore, seining.

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Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cents for gray.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

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Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 500 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Wesley W. Sinnett, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary Cabral, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 15,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 7000 haddock, 000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Walter P. Gouliart, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. William A. Morse, 21,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santo, 12,000 haddock, 32,000 cod.
Sch. Fish Hawk, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Alcina, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Frances V. Silva, 7000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 8000 cod, 23,000 hake, 10,030 cusk.
Sch. Hortense, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4; large cod, \$2 to \$2 25; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, 60 cts. to \$1; cusk, 70 cts. to \$1.

Mackerel Notes.

There was only one netter at New York early this morning. Sch. Blanche F. Irving, with 28 large mackerel.

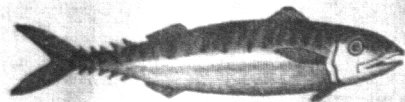
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MACKEREL ON CAPE SHORE.

First Fish Taken There on Tuesday.

CAUGHT IN TRAP AT YARMOUTH

Several Seiners at Newport Today with Small Fares.



The Dominion Fish Bureau reports that the first mackerel of the season has been taken. The fish was caught in the Allen Trap at Yarmouth, N. S., on Tuesday, which is four days ahead of the first mackerel taken on the Cape Shore last year.

A special to the TIMES this afternoon reports the following arrivals at Newport, R. I., this noon:

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, 40 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gertrude, Capt. Frank Perry, 70 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Heogery Thomas, 60 barrels large fresh mackerel.

The same despatch also reports that sch. Emerald, Capt. Albert Greenlaw, is also bound in there with a fare of large fresh mackerel.